

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITMidwest BOARD

IN RE:  MIDWEST GRAIN PROCESSORS COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. P-846
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**ORDER ASSIGNING TO PRESIDING OFFICER**

(Issued March 12, 2002)

On January 15, 2002, Midwest Grain Processors Cooperative (Midwest) filed a petition requesting that the Utilities Board (Board) issue a permit to construct, operate, and maintain a new natural gas pipeline. The pipeline will consist of approximately two miles of six-inch diameter pipeline and will provide natural gas service to a Midwest ethanol production facility in Kossuth County, Iowa.

Iowa Code section 479.7 (2001) requires the Board to set a hearing in a pipeline proceeding upon the filing of a petition. Midwest has stated that it would like to begin construction as soon as feasible. Although the petition is not entirely in compliance with Board rules, Midwest should be able to file necessary corrections prior to a hearing. Therefore, the Board will assign this proceeding identified as Docket No. P-846 to a presiding officer.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

Docket No. P-846 is assigned to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and exercise the authority provided in 199 IAC 7.1(4).

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002.